

Application No. 10/721,850

Amendment to the Specification:

Please substitute pending paragraph [0015] with amended paragraph [0015], as follows:

[0015] Since scanner bar 32 is used to record hard-copy images on either main platen 30 or through pane 50 (and possibly through lower pane 60 as well), the optical layout and positioning of main platen 30 and pane 50 and lower pane 60 may, in some embodiments, be made consistent, especially if the scanner bar 32 is effectively movable only in a direction parallel to main platen 30. For example, when the document handler 10 is lowered against body 20, main platen 30 and pane 50 can be substantially co-planar; if lower pane 60 is used as well, main platen 30 can be effectively co-planar with the combination of pane 50 and lower pane 60. Such an arrangement is helpful in a design in which main platen 30 is, from the perspective of scanner bar 32, optically equivalent to pane 50 (or pane 50 in combination with lower pane 60). As used herein, the term “optically equivalent” shall mean “having substantially identical optical properties, such as in terms of overall refraction and/or transmissivity.”